FOOD PURCHASE REPORT

United States Department of Agriculture

Agricultural Marketing Service

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OFFER TO BUY: Canned and Dry Edible Beans, Canned, Frozen, Fresh, and Dried Fruit, Fresh Potatoes, and Shelled Nuts

Department of Agriculture announced it is planning to purchase canned and dry edible beans, canned, frozen, fresh, and dried fruit, fresh potatoes, and shelled nuts for distribution to the Child Nutrition Program according to Robert C. Keeney, Deputy Administrator, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service.

The anticipated purchases will be made from offers that must be submitted on a delivered-to-destination price basis. Deliveries will be required during the period of October 1, 2005 through May 31, 2006.

Products, container sizes, and approximate quantities sought are as follows:

FY-2005

PRODUCT	CONTAINER	U.S.	NO.
	SIZE	GRADE	CASES
Fresh Apples	37-40 lb.	Fancy	5,544

FY-2006

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PRODUCT	CONTAINER	U.S.	NO.			
	SIZE	GRADE	CASES			
Almonds, Natural Whole Shelled	12/2 lb.	No.1	1,540			
Almonds, Roasted Whole Shelled	25 lb.	No.1	2,992			
Almonds, Roasted Whole Shelled	12/2 lb.	No. 1	3,080			
Canned Apples Slices	6/#10	A	100,320			
Canned Apple Sauce	6/#10	A	402,192			
Frozen Apple Slices	30 lb.	A	55,440			
Fresh Apples	37-40 lb.	Fancy	32,340			
Canned Baby Lima Beans	6/#10	A	1,728			
Canned Black Turtle Beans	6/#10	A	7,776			
Canned Blackeye Beans	6/#10	A	15,552			
Canned Garbanzo Beans	6/#10	A	6,912			
Canned Great Northern Beans	6/#10	A	864			
Canned Pink Beans	6/#10	A	5,184			
Canned Pinto Beans	6/#10	A	95,040			
Canned Red Kidney Beans	6/#10	Α -	18,144			
Canned Refried Beans	6/#10	No. 2	73,440			

PRODUCT	CONTAINER	U.S.	NO.
	SIZE	GRADE	CASES
Canned Small Red Beans	6/#10	A	27,648
Canned Vegetarian Beans	6/#10	A	114,048
Dried Fruit and Nut Mix	24/1 lb.	Per USDA	1,456
Dried Fruit and Nut Mix	5/5 lb.	Per USDA	11,648
Dry Great Northern Beans	25 lb.	No.1	3,200
Dry Pinto Beans	25 lb.	No. 1	30,400
Fresh Russet Potatoes	50 lb. ctn	No. 1	11,200
Fresh Irish Round White Potatoes	50 lb. bags	No. 1	800

Note: Funds are not presently available for contracts awarded for **FY 2006**. The Government's obligation for contracts issued is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds from which payment for contract purposes can be made. No legal liability on the part of the part of the Government for any payment may arise until funds are made available to the Contracting Officer for these contracts and until the Contractor receives notice of such availability, to be confirmed in writing by the Contracting Officer.

PLEASE NOTE: This announcement does not commit USDA to purchase specific quantities or particular products. The quantities described in this FOOD PURCHASE REPORT are estimates and are intended to provide only general notice of USDA purchasing plans. Those plans are subject to change. Actual purchases will depend upon prices and quantities offered as well as possible adjustments in user requirements.

Invitations to bid, including final details and specifications, will be sent to processors. Offers to sell these products must be received not later than the date specified on the Invitation to Bid. All bids must be submitted using the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES). Offerors who submit bids using other than DEBES, will be deemed non-responsive.

Further information can be obtained from the Commodity Procurement Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave. Room 2546 - South Building, Washington, D.C. 20250, telephone (202) 720-4517 or our Internet Site: www.ams.usda.gov/cp.